दावा पेश किया है, और उसका कुल क्षेत्रफल कितना है तथा वहां रहने वाले लोगों की संख्या कितनी है ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इन राज्य क्षेत्रों पर अपने अधिकार का दावा करते हुए इस पर अपनी प्रतिक्रिया व्यक्त की है और यदि हां, तो कब और उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) जी हां। सरकार को अखबार की इस खबर की जानकारी है।

(ख) से (घ) म्यांमार की सरकार ने भारतीय प्रदेश के किसी क्षेत्र पर ऐसा कोई दावा नहीं किया है। तथापि मणिपुर और अरुणाचल प्रदेश के क्षेत्रों में भारत-म्यांमार की सीमा पर कुछ हिस्से अभी तक सीमांकित नहीं हैं क्योंकि वहां जमीन पर सीमा स्तम्भों की स्थिति तथा नक्शों में उनके प्रदर्शन के बीच कुछ मतभेद हैं और दोनों पक्ष इस सवाल को अभी तक सुलझा नहीं सके हैं।

Changes in India's Foreign Policy

551. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleasd to state :

(a) whether the U.S. Government's desire for a big role for India, as was reported to have been expressed during India's Defence Minister's visit lately to U.S.A., is in consonance with India's policy of non-alignment and without any tie up with any military bloc ;

(b) what is the extent to which the service to service tie up between India and the U.S.A. is in consonance with the above policies ; and

(c) if not, whether these steps would be retracted or else basic change in India's foreign policy would be announced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) India has defence cooperation with several friendly countries, including the United States. India does not have a military alliance with any country and remains firmly committed to the policy of non-alignment.

Strength of Commercial Staff in Embassies

552. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are keen to increase the strength of commercial staff in our embassies ;

(b) whether there is any resistance to reorient the work of our embassies to give increased emphasis to trade and development of business ;

(c) what steps have been taken to implement decisions to strengthen the commercial and economic staff of our embassies ;

(d) the details of actual figures in this matter ; and

(e) the details of Indian embassies where Government have implemented changes to give new directions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) The Government have decided that maximum emphasis should be placed by our Missions abroad to the task of promoting our economic and commercial relations. In keeping with the new priorities, additional staff has been provided in some selected Missions (Statement I). (*See* below) In order to implement changes, and to give new directions, target countries have been identified where extra attention would be paid. A list of these countries is given in Statement II.